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ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, NETWORK SYSTEM, RELAY APPARATUS, AND STATUS
CONTROL METHOD

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4. Drawings - 5 sheets of formal drawings containing 6 figures
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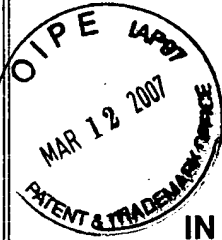
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1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Pub. No. 2001-16221 discloses switching a remote apparatus from a power-saving state to an operating state via a physical bus (IEEE 1394).

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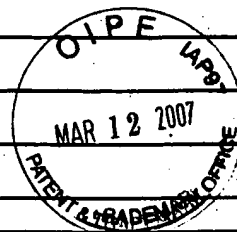
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